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H PASS: THE HONORABLE
ANTHONY C. BEILENSON
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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: LAURA IRENE
DORFMAN; MR/MRS MIGUEL BUTRON AND DAUGHTER; LEON EDUARDO
KLOGOWSKI

1. DEAR MR. BEILENSON:

AMBASSADOR CASTRO RESIGNED HIS POSITION LATE LAST MONTH.
THUS, AS CHARGE, I AM REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER OF JULY 28,
1980 REGARDING LAURA IRENE DORFMAN, MR. AND MRS. MIGUEL
BUTRON AND THEIR DAUGHTER, AND LEON EDUARDO KLOGOWSKI.

2. THE EMBASSY IS FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE CASES YOU MENTION.
IN 1978 THIS EMBASSY INQUIRED AT THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABOUT LAURA
IRENE DORFMAN. IN EARLY 1979 THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
REPLIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA HAD NO RECORD
OF THE DETENTION OF MS. DORFMAN NOR ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING HER WHEREABOUTS.

3. REGARDING MR. AND MRS. BUTRON AND THEIR DAUGHTER,
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THE EMBASSY PLACED A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE
BUTRON COUPLE AT THE WORKING GROUP IN DECEMBER, 1978.
UNTIL FAR, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY REPLY TO THAT

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REQUEST, A NOT UNUSUAL SITUATION. REGRETTABLY, AT THIS POINT WE MUST REGARD THE BUTRONS AND THEIR DAUGHTER, AS WELL AS MS. DORFMAN, AMONG THE DISAPPEARED. AS SUCH, I AM SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THEY COULD NOT HAVE APPLIED FOR THE RIGHT OF OPTION WHICH IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO PEOPLE BEING DETAINED UNDER THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE POWER (PEN) OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARGENTINE CONSTITUTION.

4. AS REGARDS TO MR. KLOGOWSKI, OUR LAST UNDERSTANDING IS THAT MR. KLOGOWSKI WAS STILL BEING DETAINED IN LA PLATA PRISON. HE HAS NOT APPLIED FOR THE RIGHT OF OPTION WITH THIS EMBASSY. OUR INFORMATION ON PLACES OF DETENTION IS SOMEWHAT IMPERFECT AND WE WILL MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHERE MR. KLOGOWSKI IS BEING HELD. SHOULD WE LEARN ANYTHING I WILL LET YOU KNOW.

5. SINCERELY YOURS, CLAUD W. RUSER, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,
AD INTERIM.
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